

# California OES Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, March 12, 2020  
9:00 AM PDT

- Potentially heavy rainfall (and thunderstorms) across southern CA today. Higher rainfall rates with thunderstorms may create increased flash flooding concerns this afternoon and evening. Burn scars being watched closely for flash flood potential: Cranston, Taboose

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# **WEATHER KEY POINTS**

**03/12/20 - 03/18/20**

## **Thursday and Friday**

- Another period of potentially heavy rainfall (and thunderstorms) across southern CA today and lingering into Friday
  - Thunderstorms will be possible today across southern CA
    - Higher rainfall rates with thunderstorms may create increased flash flooding concerns this afternoon and evening
    - Burn scars being watched closely for flash flood potential: Cranston, Taboose
- No precipitation, but breezy winds across the northern half of the state Thu-Fri

## **Saturday-Wednesday**

- Increased winds and light valley rain and mountain snow across the northern half of the state with travel impacts expected over the mountains Saturday
- More widespread low elevation rainfall will move south across the state Sunday and continuing through Tuesday.
- Higher potential for significant travel impacts due to snowfall across the northern Coastal region mountains, as well as the northern Sierra in Inland region Sunday and into early next week.
- Increasing confidence for impacts from mountain snowfall and travel impacts to expand farther south into the southern Sierra and mountains of Southern region into Monday and Tuesday.
  - Much colder storm system early next week with snow levels expected to lower enough to include impacts to major mountain passes, including the Grapevine Monday and Tuesday



# CALIFORNIA WEATHER IMPACTS

03/12/20 - 03/18/20

<u>Hazards / Day</u>	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
<b>Non-Thunderstorm Damaging Winds</b>			Southern	Southern	Southern		
<b>Snow</b>			Inland/Nrn Coastal (Mtns)	Inland (Sierra)	Inland/ Southern (Mtns)	Inland/ Southern (Mtns)	
<b>Coastal Flooding</b>							
<b>River Flooding</b>							
<b>Thunderstorms (Wind / Hail / Tornadoes)</b>	Southern		N Coastal	N Coastal/ N Inland	N Inland	N Inland	Inland
<b>Fire Weather (Low Humidity / Wind / Dry Thunderstorms)</b>							
<b>Heat Risk</b>							
<b>Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding / Debris Flow</b>	Southern	Southern			Southern	Southern	
<b>Cold</b>							



No Impacts



Minimal Impacts



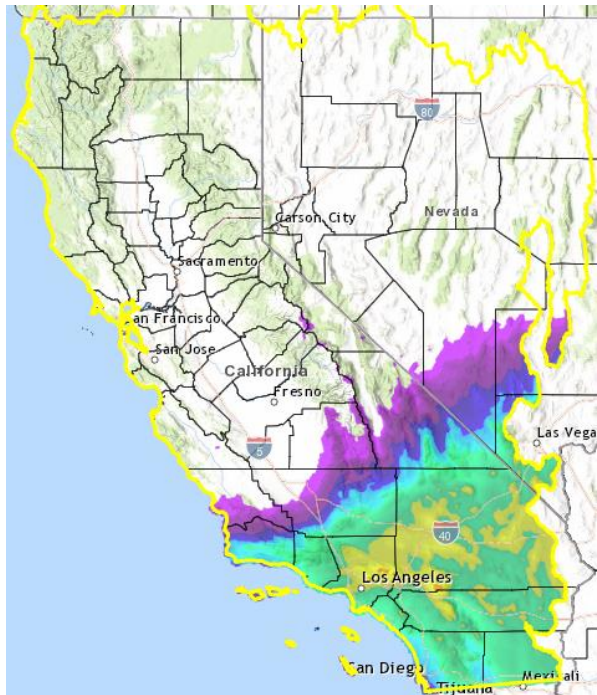
Moderate Impacts



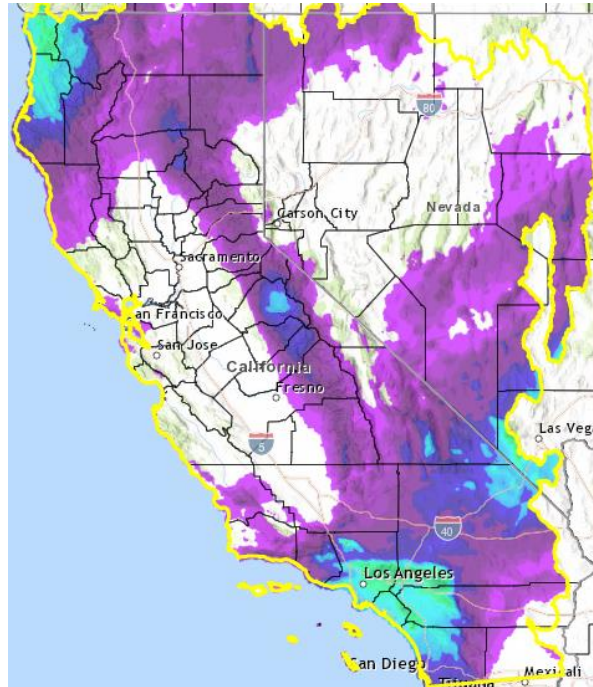
Severe Impacts

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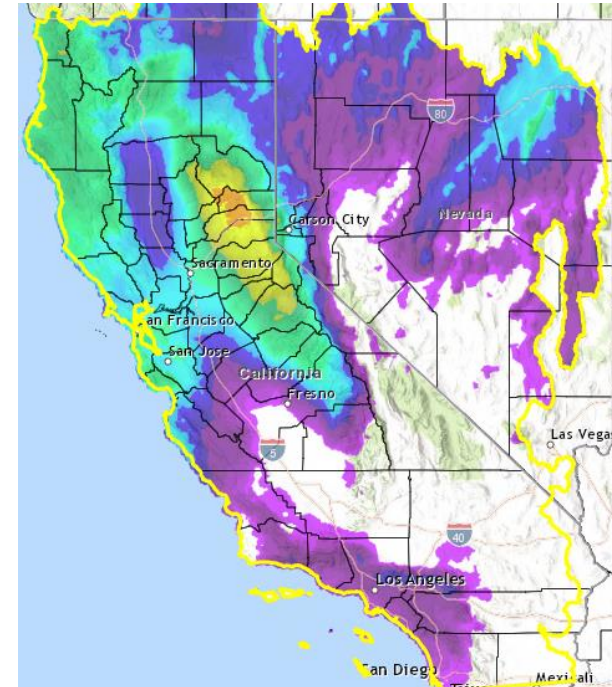
03/12/20 - 03/14/20



Thursday



Friday



Saturday

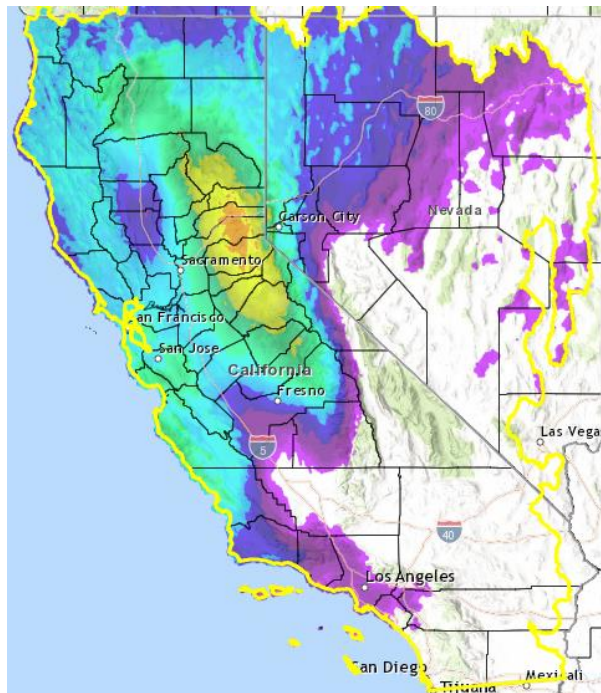
Precipitation (inches)



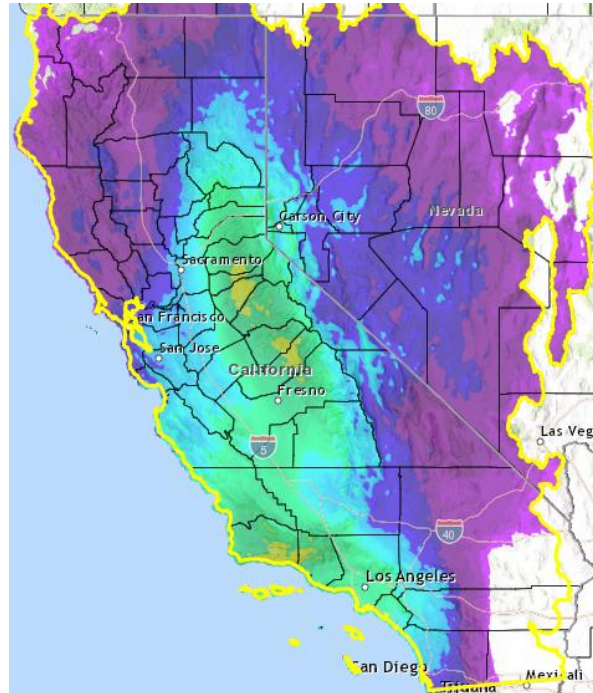


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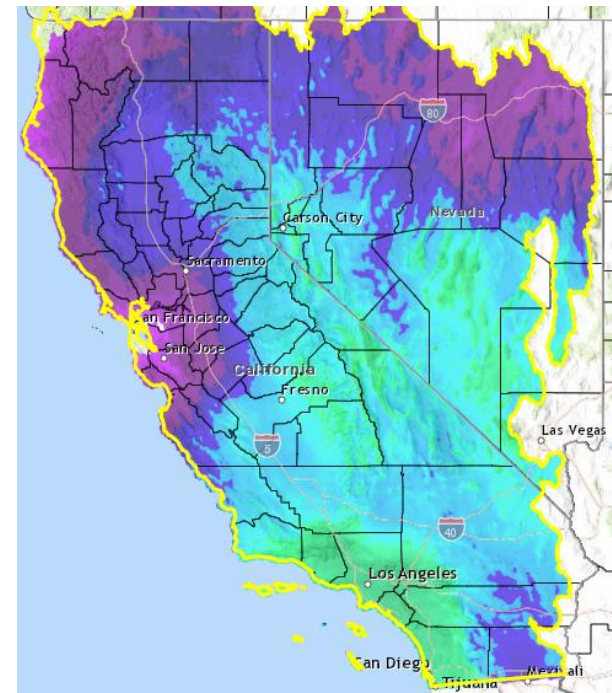
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Sunday



Monday



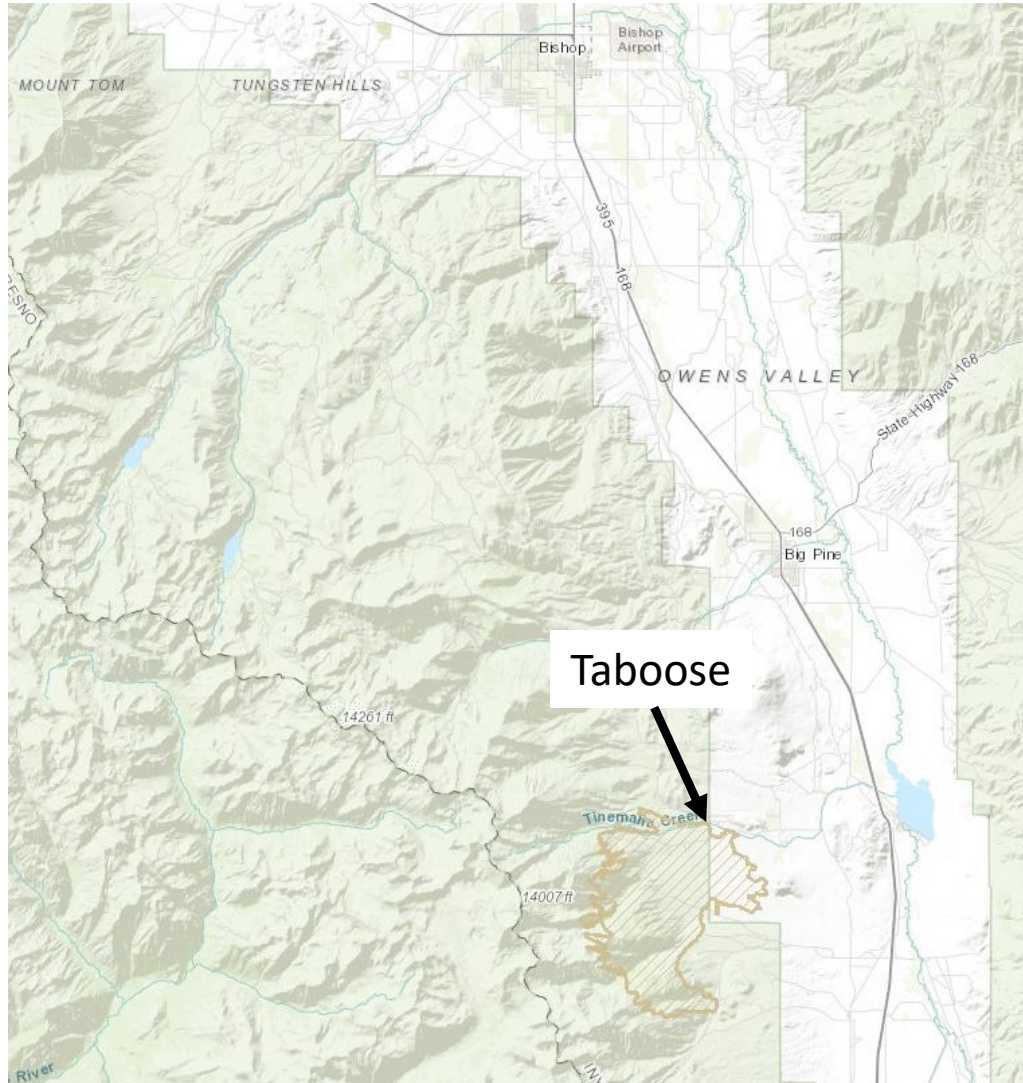
Tuesday

Precipitation (inches)



# BURN SCAR AREAS OF CONCERN

3/12/20 (Thursday)





# **WEATHER OUTLOOK**

**03/17/20 - 03/25/20**

## **6-10 Day Outlook (March 17 – March 21)**

### **Temperatures**

- Below normal temperatures strongly favored statewide

### **Precipitation**

- Above normal precipitation strongly favored across southern and central CA, with near normal to below normal slightly favored across the northern portions of the state

## **8-14 Day Outlook (March 19 – March 25)**

### **Temperatures**

- Below normal temperatures favored statewide, most likely in the southeast portions of the state

### **Precipitation**

- Above normal precipitation slightly favored across southern CA with below normal precipitation favored across northern CA



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